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SUBJ: LAUREL-LANGLEY -- THE PACE OF FUTURE TALKS

1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED PROGRESS TOWARD TALKS ON AER AND RELATED MATTERS DURING AUG 24 COURTESY CALL ON FINSEC VIRATA. IN COURSE EXTENDED TALK VIRATA CONVEYED GOP SENSE OF URGENCY RE NEGOTIATIONS; REVIEWED DISCUSSIONS HELD WASHINGTON WITH UNDERSEC CASEY; AND OUT-LINED APPROACH WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH ISSUES IN AER AND PROBLEMS OF TRANSITION IN TREATY TO REPLACE L-L. VIRATA HAD TAKEN SIMILAR LINE IN TIMES JOURNAL ITEM AUG. 24, SAYING TREATY WOULD "SPECIFY ACTS TO MUTUALLY BENEFIT FILIPINOS AND AMERICANS." DETAILS ARTICLE SEPTEL.

2. VIRATA INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR THAT DRAFT AER NOW UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON AND THAT EMBASSY HOPED RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN NEAR FUTURE PERMITTING DRAFT TO BE HANDED GOP. AMBASSADOR STRESSED U.S. DESIRE GET ON WITH DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND UNDERScoreD NEED REVIEW TRANSITIONAL ISSUES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE WAYS TO DEAL WITH THEM. ESSENCE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT ALSO CONVEYED TO EXECSEC MELCHOR AUGUST 24 WHEN HE INQUIRED WHERE MATTERS STOOD.

3. BELIEVE IT OF GROWING IMPORTANCE MAINTAIN PACE DIALOGUE HERE, AND HOPE WASHINGTON REVIEW AER DRAFT CAN BE COMPLETED SOON. WOULD
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APPRECIATE RECEIPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ANY INDICATION WE MAY

GIVE GOP OF WHEN EMBASSY MAY HAVE CLEARED DRAFT AVAILABLE.
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